

LYNDHURST BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 28, 2015

Agenda
(Meeting #16)

WELCOME, to a public meeting of the Lyndhurst Board of Education. The Board is meeting this evening for the purpose of taking official, formal action on the business of the Board and school district.

The business the Board will act on this evening, as contained on the following pages, is broken down in sections in this order:

Finance Committee
Education and Curriculum Committee
Rules and Regulations Committee
Student Activities and Recognition Committee

The FIRST segment – Public Hearing on Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding any of the matters listed on the following pages and which the Board will be acting on this evening.

The SECOND segment – Public Hearing on Other Than Meeting Agenda is devoted to hearing from those persons who might have questions or statements regarding Board or school district matters OTHER THAN matters which appear on the following pages.

If you wish to address the Board, at either or both of these public hearing segments, you are asked to sign in on the speakers' sheet located on the podium. When your name is called, please wait until you are recognized by the Board president. When recognized, please stand up and clearly state your name and address. All questions or statements must be addressed to the Board president. You are asked to limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less.

The Board, through the president, or upon permission of the president through individual Board members, may or may not respond to your comments.

Members of the public are asked to refrain from reading articles out loud at meetings. If there is an article(s) that you would like the Board to know about, please leave a copy with the Board Secretary or Business Administrator who will see to it that it gets distributed to the proper persons.

We hope your visit with us this evening will be an enjoyable and informative one.

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. SALUTE TO FLAG
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
6. PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA
7. BOARD DISCUSSION & FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
11. PUBLIC HEARING ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA
12. ADJOURNMENT

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PLEASE NOTE: It may be necessary, from time to time, to remove or make changes in a motion(s) between the time this agenda is prepared and when the Board takes action.

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, approve the services for Jarvis Plumbing and Heating through September 28, 2015 in the amount of \$17,344.00
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education of the Township of Lyndhurst, County of Bergen, approve the services for John Reid Plumbing and Heating through September 28, 2015 in the amount of \$1,350.00

Education and Curriculum Committee:

Susan Alcuri, Chairperson
 Beverly Alberti
 Joseph Abruscato

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Education and Curriculum Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by _____ second by _____ that the following Education and Curriculum Committee actions of the Board numbered _____ through _____ exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between the Lyndhurst Board of Education and the Lyndhurst Police Department for the 2015-2016 school year. A copy is on file in the Board Office.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept Standing Orders for First Aid; School Nurse Protocol, signed by Dr. Jillian Gingerelli, School Physician for the 2015-2016 school year. These procedures are for staff (school nurses, teachers, and administrators) in the event of any emergency arising during the school day. Copy on file in the superintendent's office.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the District and School Professional Development Plan for 2015-2016 to be approved by the Bergen County Department of Education.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, at the recommendation of James A. Corino, Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Computer Program and Robotics Club as a pilot program for the 2015-2016 school year.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the HIB Self-Assessment Scores.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following changes for the Lead Anti Bullying Specialists:

Franklin School	Susan Leidemer (lead ABS)
Columbus School	Maria Fagan (lead ABS)

Rules and Regulations Committee:

Joseph Abruscato, Chairperson
 Sheri Jarvis
 James "Chizzie" Vuono

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Rules & Regulations Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by _____ second by _____ that the following Rules & Regulations Committee actions of the Board numbered _____ through _____ exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the attached policy, Dedications (second reading).
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the restructure of the Lyndhurst Board of Education Committees for the 2015-16 school year (first reading).
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the following resolution proclaiming America Education Week, November 16-20, 2015.

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they'll need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees, be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Musto, serve as president of the Lyndhurst Board of Education do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2015 as the annual observance of American Education Week

4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the use of the following facilities:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time, Date, Purpose</u>
LHS PTSA	HS Auditorium	6:30 PM 9-17-15 Meeting
	HS Lawn (by sign)	6:30 -10:00 AM 9-28-15 Clothing Drive
	HS Media Center	6:30 – 9:00 PM 2-4-16 5-5-16 Gen'l & PTSA Mtg.
Roosevelt School PTA	Roosevelt School Art Room	School Hours 10-22, 10-23-15 Book Fair
	Roosevelt School Gymnasium	6:30 – 9:30 PM 9-24-15, 10-20-15, 12-15-15 1-19-16, 2-23-16, 3-15-16 4-19-16, 5-17-16, 6-14-16 Monthly PTA Meetings
	Playground & Bathrooms	5:30 – 10:30 PM 10-30-15 Trunk or Treat Fundraiser
Franklin School PTA	Franklin School Classroom	7:30 – 10:00 PM 9-17-15, 10-4-15, 11-11-15 12-9-15, 1-6-16, 2-10-16, 3-9-16 4-13-16, 5-11-16, 6-8-16 Monthly PTA Meetings
	Franklin School Art Room	6:00 – 9:00 PM 9-29-15 Book Fair Evening Session
	Franklin School Art Room	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM 9-30-15 – 10-1-15 Book Fair
	Franklin School Hallway	6:00 – 8:00 PM 9-17-15
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	Franklin School	Membership Drive Night 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM 10-16-15
	Front Lawn Franklin School Playground	Pumpkin Patch 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 10-30-15
	Franklin School Art Room	Trunk or Treat 3:15 – 4:15 PM 10-21-15 – 11-25-15 After school program
Lyndhurst Music Association	LHS Band Room	6:30 – 8:30 PM 9-21-15, 10-19-15, 11-9-15, 1-11-16, 2-8-16, 3-14-16 4-12-16, 5-9-16
	LHS Cafeteria	Band Association Meetings 4:30 – 9:30 PM 10-30-15 Band Appreciation Dinner
LHS Booster Club	LHS Concession Stand	6:00 – 9:00 PM 9-25-15, 10-9-15, 10-23-15, 10-30-15
	LHS Room 110	Football Games Food Service 7:00 – 9:00 PM 10-5-15, 11-2-15, 12-7-15 1-4-16, 2-1-16, 3-7-16, 4-4-16, 5-2-16, 6-6-16 Booster Club Meetings
Lyndhurst Parks Department	HS Gymnasium	7:00 – 11:00 PM Sept. 14, 21, 28 Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec. 7, 14, 21 Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb. 1, 8, 22, 29 Mar. 7, 14, 21 Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23 June 6, 13
	Jefferson School Gymnasium	Volleyball Games 6:00 – 7:30 PM Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 Handicapped Soccer
	601 Riverside Avenue Meeting 9-28-15	11:30 AM – Noon

All Purpose Room	Sept. 25 Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Nov. 6, 13, 20 Dec. 4, 11, 18 Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 Chair Yoga
319 New York Avenue	6:00 – 9:00 PM Sept. 21, 22, 24, 28, 29 Oct. 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29 Nov. 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 30 Dec. 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 28, 29 Jan. 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 28
HS Football Field	6:30 – 8:30 PM June 15, 2015 – Nov. 28, 2015 Mon., Tue., and Thurs. Cheer Practice

Student Activities & Recognition Committee:

Sheri Jarvis, Chairperson
 Beverly Alberti
 James "Chizzie" Vuono

Any Board member who takes exception to any of the following listed actions under the category of Student Activities & Recognition Committee may so indicate now and a separate motion for each of the excepted actions will be entertained.

Motion made by _____ second by _____ that the following Student Activities & Recognition Committee actions of the Board numbered _____ through _____ exception actions be adopted.

Roll Call For:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a student to attend New Jersey Elks CP Center in Clifton. Yearly tuition will be \$67,072.46. Transportation has been arranged through South Bergen Jointure Commission.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve a student to attend BCSSD's Transition Center in Wood-Ridge. Yearly tuition will be \$59,340.00. Transportation has been arranged through South Bergen Jointure Commission.

New Business:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept a monetary donation from SIKA Chemical for purchase of a protective net for the high school soccer field.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education accept a donation of 250 Geometry textbooks and 250 Algebra II/Trigonometry textbooks from Yorktown High School, Yorktown Heights, NY.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lyndhurst Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Association of Lyndhurst Supervisors (ALS) for the 2015-2016 school year. A copy is on file in the Central Office.

Superintendent's Report

Lyndhurst Public School District
Central Office Administration/Superintendent's Report
September 28, 2015

- Recognition, appreciation and congratulations to each and every district administrator, supervisor, faculty and staff member for their individual and collective efforts in working together to plan, organize and facilitate an extremely efficient and effective 2015-16 Opening of School. School and community feedback was highly praiseworthy of the overall climate and positive / enthusiastic nature of the opening events. From student scheduling to faculty meetings and "Back to School Night" programs, the reaction from students, parents and staff was remarkably complimentary.
- Recognition
 - Ms. Jill Tozduman, LCSW, MSW of the Lyndhurst High School Drop-in Center announced that Lyndhurst Police Officer, Sergeant Richard Pizzuti, through the generous donations of the LPD has provided LHS students in need with backpacks and school supplies. Sgt. Pizzuti has facilitates the collection and distribution of articles each September for a number of years. Our appreciation to the charitable efforts of Chief O'Connor, Sgt. Pizzuti and the LPD.
 - We are proud to announce the execution of a contract between Seton Hall University and the LPS District regarding the possible placement of intern athletic training students. Additionally, we are investigating the possibility of engaging in a future partnership with SHU 's College of Health and Medical Services for the placement of intern students as Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, and Physical Therapists.
 - Congratulations to Ms. Sharon King-Dobson and her Special Education Department staff for being selected by the NJDOE for participation in the *Improving the Preschool Classroom Environment for Young Children with Disabilities pilot program for 2015-16*. The LPS District was one of only 21 districts in New Jersey to be selected for this pilot training series. (and the only district in Bergen County). The state professional development training will afford administrators, supervisors and teachers the opportunity to improve the quality of preschool classroom environments serving young children with disabilities.
 - Governor Christie extended greetings that Lyndhurst High School will be participating in the first annual "Chalk Out Stigma" event. The Governor's Council on Mental Health

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Stigma aims to combat the discrimination or shame that can prevent people with mental health disorders from seeking assistance.

- In May of 2015, under the leadership of Maryann Mule', a team of **Source Of Strength (SOS)** volunteers facilitated discussions on preventing stigma associated with mental illness in our community. Ms. Mule' and her volunteer students are here this evening to be recognized for their efforts. This ethic of care is recognized, respected and genuinely appreciated.
 - Our newly established Remedial Education Department, under the supervisor of Mr. Blake Spence, has begun the critically essential work of developing a strategic plan for identifying and supporting the needs of these at-risk children. Data collection, analysis, and collaboration, in decision making will ensure significant improvement in student performance. The teaching staff is totally committed to his new department and its mission.
 - Thank you to the Yorktown High School of Yorktown Heights, NY for donating 250 Trigonometry/Algebra II textbooks, and 250 Geometry textbooks to LHS. This arrangement was facilitated by Principal Laura Vuono, Mathematics Supervisor, Luann Voza, and our Transportation Department under the direction of Business Administrator, David DiPisa.
 - Thank you to Sika Chemical for donating a "barrier" netting for our high school soccer field.
 - Congratulations to three LPS teachers, Mr. John Blevis, Ms. Stacy Tulloch and Ms. Christina Bernardo. These outstanding educators will be awarded grants of \$1000 each by the Bergen County Utilities Agency Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant completion. A Presentation Ceremony will be held on October 16th. These fine educators will be invited to the October Board of Education public meeting for recognition.
- The Central Office Administrative Team is investigating ways and means by which to "digitize" personnel and student records in accordance with state codes and related security regulations. Once the research and a cost-benefit analysis is completed, a recommendation will be made to begin this initiative, be it managed internally or through a service provider.
 - As of this date, the LPS District enrolled 143 Transfer Students in Grades 1-12.
 - Under the leadership and facilitation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, the District Leadership Team (principals and supervisors) have participated in three professional development seminars thus far in the school year. This year-long, on-going PD initiative is centered on classroom instructional strategies based on sound science and research. Knowing how to use them is more of an art. Over time, this instructional framework will incrementally evolve into model used by each and every one of our exceptional , reflective classroom teachers.
 - As documented in the previous "Superintendent's Report", the District Improvement Teams (Professional Development, Curriculum and Instruction, Assessment, Special Education and Remedial Instruction, and Technology) have developed their agenda for the first committee

meetings. Information about committee planning and progress will be shared as we move forward through the process of strategic planning.

- A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials as be signed. The 2015-16 MOA can be located at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/regs/agree> As per state requirements, a joint meeting inviting all parties involved in adherence to the MOA will take place this school year to “discuss matters of mutual concern and to recommend revisions to the MOA.”
- On August 10, 2015, Governor Christie took action on the following bills:
 - Bill Signed into Law (S-2484/A-3845) requires the state Department of Education to conduct a study on the issues, benefits, and options for instituting a later start time to the school day in middle school and high school.
 - Bill Signed into Law (S-1760/A-4212) recognizes American Sign Language as a world language for meeting high school graduation requirements.
- Mrs. Shauna DeMarco, Mr. David DiPisa and I met with the district's PTA Presidents on Wednesday evening, September 23rd. Together, we established a “Council of PTA Presidents” and will be meeting quarterly throughout the school year. The purpose of this partnership is to create a forum for district PTAs to discuss and share ideas to enhance the depth and breathe of all PTA activities. The dialogue will enable the sharing of best practices as well as to provide the Central Office Administrative Team an opportunity to communicate directly with the PTA officers about district initiatives and successes, as well as to partner in the effort to openly and effective address and resolve issues. The first meeting resulted in a mutual challenge for school officials and classroom teachers to expand and enhance efforts to improve the quality of education for our children. Together we will be attempting to engage principals, teachers and an increased number of parents to actively participate in PTA functions.
- PARCC Updates: Members of our school community are strongly encouraged to access information on developing policies and procedures regarding PARCC by reading New Jersey School Boards Association's Frequently Asked Questions Document by going to the following link: <http://www.njsba.org/news/pdfs/parcc-faq.pdf>
- An impressive number of principals, supervisors, teachers and related certificated staff have attended in-district and out-of-district workshops, training sessions and seminars to keep abreast of current research, best practices, and NJDOE policies/procedures to ensure district compliance and improved teacher effectiveness and student outcomes.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Corino, Ed. D.

